

Title 17, Subchapter 6. Organized Camps

Article 1. General

T17-30700. Definitions.

~~(a) Wherever the term “local enforcing agency” is used in this subchapter, it shall mean the local health officer having jurisdiction.~~

~~(b) Wherever the term “State Department” is used in this subchapter, it shall mean the State Department of Public Health Services.~~

~~(c) Wherever the term “food service area” is used in this subchapter, it means any area which food is stored, prepared or served.~~

~~(d) Wherever the term “tent or tent structure” is used, it shall mean any shelter of which twenty five percent (25%) or more of the walls or roof, or both are constructed of, or covered or protected by, canvas or any other fabric material.~~

~~(d) Whenever the term “intermittent short term organized camp” is used in this subchapter, it shall mean a site, operated by a city or a county, for camping by any group of people with a program and facilities established for the primary purpose of providing an outdoor group living experience with social, spiritual, educational or recreational objectives for a period of not more than 72 consecutive hours.~~

(a) “Aquatics Supervisor” means a person who provides supervision to the aquatic facility, staff and program of the camp meeting the requirements of Section 30741(d)(1).

(b) “Camp” means an organized camp as defined in Health and Safety Code, section 18897 and does not include facilities, programs and arrangements listed in Health and Safety Code, section 1596.792.

(c) “Counselor” means a person who is directly involved with camp program activities and camper supervision meeting the requirements of Section 30751 (b) and (c).

(d) “Director” means a person who is responsible for day-to-day decision making and supervision of the camp program and staff meeting the requirements of Section 30751 (a).

(e) “Health Screening” means an examination of all staff and campers under the age of 18 who are unaccompanied by a parent or guardian to identify observable evidence of illness, injury, or communicable disease; review and update each person’s health history; and to identify current medical treatment (including medication), allergies or dietetic restrictions.

(f) “Health Supervisor” means a person who is either a physician and surgeon, registered nurse, licensed vocational nurse who is licensed pursuant to Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code or a person who is currently trained in accordance with section 1596.866 of the Health and Safety Code.

(g) “Primitive area” means a location lacking service facilities such as water, sewage, bathing, food, or housing.

(h) “Site Operator” means an individual, partnership, joint venture, or organization that owns, leases, or rents an organized camp site.

Note: Authority Cited: Sections ~~208~~, 100275 and 18897.2, Health and Safety Code.

Reference: Section 18897.2, Health and Safety Code.

30701. Limitation of Scope.

The minimum standards pertaining to physical facilities set forth in this subchapter shall not apply to camping activities carried out in primitive areas of the camp property that are away from a central campsite the main living and housing areas of the camp property and where primitive living conditions are an inherent part of the planned activity or where government regulated campgrounds, beaches, or parks are utilized that have the same physical facilities as those required by this subchapter.

Note: Authority Cited: Sections 208 100275 and 18897.2, Health and Safety Code.

Reference: Section 18897.2, Health and Safety Code.

30702. ~~Campsite.~~ Site.

The ~~campsite~~ site, consisting of activity, living and utility areas and established trails, shall be in an area properly drained and free or protected from natural or man-made hazards, such as mine pits, quarries, and high-speed roads, or large numbers of insects and venomous snakes. Poison oak shall be controlled.

Excessive dust in the ~~central campsite~~ living and housing areas of the camp shall be prevented by suitable means.

Note: Authority Cited: Sections ~~208~~ 100275 and 18897.2, Health and Safety Code.

Reference: Section 18897.2, Health and Safety Code.

30703. Notice of Intention to Operate

(a) At least ~~thirty~~ (30) days prior to the operation of any ~~existing~~ camp in any calendar year, written notice shall be sent to the local health officer of the city, county, or city and county ~~wherein-in~~ in which the camp is located setting forth the name, location and mailing address of the person or agency ~~owning~~ that owns the camp, the name and address of the person or agency proposing to operate the camp, the proposed dates of occupancy during that calendar year. Camps, which operate year-round, shall provide only an initial notice of operation.

(b) Written notice shall be sent to the local health officer at least ~~thirty~~ (30) days prior to:

(1) construction of any new camp, or of

(2) any major expansion of physical facilities or

(3) any changes to items of information required in (a) above.

(c) Local Hhealth officers shall acknowledge receipt in writing, within seven (7) days, of said notices and shall, at the same time, send a copy to the State Fire Marshal.

Note: Authority Cited: Sections 208 100275 and 18897.2, Health and Safety Code.

Reference: Section 18897.2, Health and Safety Code.

30704. Requirements for Camps.

The camp shall submit to the local health officer:

- (a) A written verification that the camp is accredited by the American Camping Association or:
- (b) The camp shall provide a written description of the program of organized and supervised activities, such as those described in the program description sections of the 1998 Accreditation Standards for Camp Programs and Services published by the American Camping Association, Martinsville, Indiana, identified as:

- (1) PD – Program - Design and Activities
- (2) PA - Program - Aquatics
- (3) PC – Program – Adventure/challenge
- (4) PH - Program – Horseback Riding
- (5) PT - Program – Trip and Travel

Note: Authority Cited: Sections 100275 and 18897.2, Health and Safety Code.

Reference: Section 18897.2, Health and Safety Code.

30710. Water Supply.

(a) A dependable supply of potable water adequate to furnish ~~thirty~~ (50) gallons of water per person per day shall be available. Where pit or chemical toilets are used, this figure may be reduced to ~~thirty~~ (30)-gallons per person per day.

(b) The water supply system shall conform to the following:

~~(a) Sources.~~

(1) ~~Wells.~~ Water Wells shall be constructed in accordance with the requirements of Chapter II and Appendices A, B, C of the Water Well Standards: State of California Bulletin 74-81(revised December 1981~~8~~) and 74-90 published by the Department of Water Resources, State of California Resources Agency.

(2) Springs shall meet the following requirements:

(A) ~~Location.~~ A Use of a spring as a potable water source shall not be permitted if it is located on the side of or at the foot of a hill ~~if~~ where cesspools, privies, sewers, or other sources of contamination ~~are situated where they would be located~~ above the spring and in the path of the groundwater flow toward the spring.

In no case shall a spring be used if it is located closer than ~~two hundred~~ (200) feet to an upstream potential source of contamination.

(B) ~~Construction.~~ Springs used, as a potable water source shall be developed with a tight box or enclosure including a watertight cover with no openings that will permit entrance of surface waters, windblown dusts or small animals

(3) ~~Streams.~~ No stream sources for potable water shall be used without treatment.

~~(b) Supply.~~ (4) Water quality, ~~quantity,~~ monitoring, storage, and distribution

shall comply with the requirements of the California Safe Drinking Water

Act, Health and Safety Code, Sections ~~4010—4037~~ 166720 et seq.

Note: Authority Cited: Sections ~~208~~ 100275 and 18897.2, Health and Safety Code.

Reference: Section 18897.2, Health and Safety Code.

30711. Drinking Fountains. Water.

~~A-d~~ Drinking fountain water shall be provided and be centrally located in the
campsite.

Note: Authority Cited: Sections ~~208~~ 100275 and 18897.2, Health and Safety Code.

Reference: Section 18897.2, Health and Safety Code.

30712. Handwashing Facilities.

Handwashing facilities shall be provided adjacent to all water flush toilets. Single service soap dispensers shall be provided at handwashing facilities except for those handwashing facilities located in camper housing facilities.

Note: Authority Cited: Sections 100275 and 18897.2, Health and Safety Code.

Reference: Section 18897.2, Health and Safety Code.

30713. Showers

When campers are present for three (3) or more consecutive days and nights, showers shall be provided.

Note: Authority Cited: Sections 100275 and 18897.2, Health and Safety Code.

Reference: Section 18897.2, Health and Safety Code.

30714. Toilets.

Toilets shall be provided at the ratio required in ~~appendix 5C of the State Plumbing Code~~, Table 4-4, Part 5, Title 24, California Administrative Code of Regulations. Pit or chemical toilets shall be located so as not to endanger water supplies and shall be so constructed as to exclude flies from access to excreta. Pit or chemical toilets shall not be used except where a plumbing system for water distribution is unavailable.

Note: Authority cited: Sections ~~208-100275~~ and 18897.2, Health and Safety Code.

Reference: Section 18897.2, Health and Safety Code.

~~30715. Plumbing.~~

~~All Plumbing fixtures, equipment, piping, drainage, waste, venting and sewer systems shall conform to the State Plumbing Code, Part 5, Title 24, California Administrative Code, except that the local enforcing agency shall have the authority to specify other approved methods of sewage disposal.~~

Note: Authority Cited: Sections ~~208~~ 100275 and 18897.2, Health and Safety Code.

Reference: Section 18897.2, Health and Safety Code.

Article 3. Housing

30720 Building Structures

(a) Plans and specifications for every building or structure shall be approved by the local ~~enforcing agency~~ health officer prior to the start of any construction.

~~(b) Every building or structure shall be designed and constructed in accordance with the State Building Code, Part 2, Title 24, California Administrative Code, and Section 19150 of the California Health and Safety Code.~~

~~(c) Every building or structure shall be inspected during its construction. Upon completion of construction, the person, firm or corporation responsible for its design, shall certify in writing to the local enforcing agency that the building or structure was, in fact, constructed in accordance with the approved plans and specifications therefor.~~

~~(d)~~ (b) Nothing in this section shall prohibit the State Department of Health Services or local ~~enforcing agency~~ health officer, from contracting with the Office of the State Architect of the Department of General Services or any private or other governmental agency for the review of design and performance of inspection of construction of camp buildings and structures, in accordance with the provisions of this section.

Note: Authority Cited: Sections 208 100275 and 18897.2, Health and Safety Code.

Reference: Section 18897.2, Health and Safety Code.

30721. Sleeping Accommodations.

Head to head sleeping accommodations shall be prohibited. A minimum space of 18 inches or a physical barrier, shall be provided between bed units including sleeping bags.

Note: Authority Cited: Sections ~~208~~ 100275 and 18897.2, Health and Safety Code.

Reference: Section 18897.2, Health and Safety Code.

30722. Repair, Safety, Maintenance and Sanitation.

(a) Every building, structure, tent, tent structure, cabin and premises shall be kept in good repair, and shall be maintained in a safe and sanitary condition, clean and free from accumulations of paper, rubbish, or standing water, satisfactory to the local ~~enforcing agency~~ health officer.

(b) All appliances, equipment, devices, facilities, electrical, mechanical, plumbing, refrigerating and ventilating systems shall be kept in good repair, and shall be maintained in a safe and sanitary condition satisfactory to the local ~~enforcing agency~~ health officer.

(c) When provided, mattresses, mattress covers, blankets, sheets, pillows, and/or sleeping bags shall be maintained sanitary and in good condition. Blankets, sheets, pillows, and/or sleeping bags shall be laundered and/or sanitized prior to issuance to a camper. Mattresses shall be covered with waterproof material or washable covers so as to be easily cleaned and sanitized.

Note: Authority Cited: Sections ~~208~~ 100275 and 18897.2, Health and Safety Code.

Reference: Section 18897.2, Health and Safety Code.

30723. Electrical Installation.

All electrical appliances, equipment, wiring and systems installed in ~~an organized~~ a camp shall ~~conform~~
~~to the State Electrical Code, Part 3, Title 24, California Administrative Code, and~~ be in accordance with
the Public Utilities Commission, General Order No. 95 (March 198198), Rules for Overhead Electrical
Line Construction.

Note: Authority Cited: Sections ~~208~~ 100275 and 18897.2, Health and Safety Code.

Reference: Section 18897.2, Health and Safety Code.

~~30724. Mechanical Installation.~~

~~All mechanical equipment installed in an organized camp shall conform to the State Mechanical Code, Part 4, Title 24, California Administrative Code.~~

Note: Authority Cited: Sections ~~208~~ 100275 and 18897.2, Health and Safety Code.

Reference: Section 18897.2, Health and Safety Code.

30730. Food Service Facilities.

Food service facilities shall comply with the requirements of the California Uniform Retail Food Facilities Law, Health and Safety Code, Section ~~27500~~ 113700, et. seq.

Note: Authority Cited: Sections ~~208~~ 100275 and 18897.2, Health and Safety Code.

Reference: Section 18897.2, Health and Safety Code.

~~30734.1. Food Service Facilities and Operations at Intermittent Short Term~~

~~Organized Camps.~~

~~Provisions of Section 30730 shall not apply to intermittent short term organized camps unless food is provided or prepared by the group for camper consumption. When food is provided or prepared by the group for camper consumption, food preparation facilities shall be in compliance with the provisions of Section 30730.~~

Note: Authority Cited: Sections ~~208~~ 100275 and 18897.2, Health and Safety Code.

Reference: Section 18897.2, Health and Safety Code.

30735. Garbage and Refuse.

All garbage and refuse shall be deposited and stored in flytight containers, removed and disposed of at a frequency and in a manner satisfactory to the local ~~enforcing agency~~
health officer.

Note: Authority Cited: Sections ~~208~~ 100275 and 18897.2, Health and Safety Code.

Reference: Section 18897.2, Health and Safety Code.

30736. Vectors and Pests.

Every camp shall have a plan and equipment for coping with excessive numbers of flies, mosquitoes and other insects and with rodents. At times or places where special risk of transmission of disease or injury to humans from insects, rodents, or other animals exists, the camp shall institute special measures to protect the campers, under the guidance of the local ~~enforcing agency~~ health officer.

Note: Authority Cited: Sections ~~208~~ 100275 and 18897.2, Health and Safety Code.

Reference: Section 18897.2, Health and Safety Code.

30740. Swimming Facilities.

All swimming pools, pools, wading pools and special purpose pools which are located in or provided for any ~~organized~~ camp shall be ~~(a) D~~ designed, ~~(b) C~~ constructed, ~~(c) M~~ maintained and ~~(d) O~~ operated in accordance with the provisions of Article 3 5, Chapter 4 5, Part 10, Division ~~20~~ 104, of the Health and Safety Code, Sections ~~24101-24109~~ 116035-116068 and with the applicable provisions of Chapter 20, Division 4, Title 22, and Chapter ~~2-90~~ 31, Part 2, Title 24, California ~~Administrative Code of~~ Regulations.

Note: Authority Cited: Sections ~~208~~ 100275 and 18897.2, Health and Safety Code.

Reference: Section 18897.2, Health and Safety Code.

30741. ~~Other Swimming and Bathing Facilities~~ Ocean, Lake, Stream or River Swimming.

~~(a) Any swimming facility or natural bathing place that is not subject to the provisions of Section 30740, A plan for the use of the any lake, stream, river or the ocean by any camp for swimming or boating and every boating facility which is located in or provided for any organized camp, shall be developed and maintained by the Director and~~

~~(1) Submitted to the local enforcement agency health officer prior to use and~~
~~(2) s- Shall be Operated and used in accordance with any special conditions that~~
 may be specified in writing by the local ~~enforcement agency health officer~~ to protect health and safety.

~~(b) Any organized camp which utilizes natural bathing places such as the seacoast, lakes, streams or rivers for swimming shall be equipped with at least one lifeboat (see Harbors and Navigation Code Section 652), which shall:~~

~~(1) Be used for no purpose other than for saving of life or for other emergencies; and~~
~~(2) Be kept in good repair and readily accessible to the areas of potential use.~~
~~(3) The lifeboat may be substituted with equivalent water safety devices that are~~
~~suited to the size, location, and use of the water facility; population of the camp;~~
~~dangers inherent to the water facility; and when approved by the local health~~
~~officer.~~

(b) Any camp which utilizes places such as lakes, streams, rivers or the ocean for swimming shall be equipped with at least one lifeboat or equivalent water safety devices that are suited to the size, location and use of the water facility; population of the camp, and dangers inherent to the water facility as determined by the Director of the camp and shall:

(1) Be used for no other purpose than for saving of life or for other emergencies and
(2) Be kept in good repair and readily accessible to the areas of potential use and

(3) Comply with Harbors and Navigation Code Section 652.

(c) No camp shall maintain or use a ~~natural swimming or bathing area~~ lake, stream or river unless careful soundings of depth of water and location of eddies and pools and determinations of the presence of nature of dangerous currents, sunken logs, rocks and obstructions in the lake, stream or river have been made:and

~~(d)~~ (1) ~~The camp operator shall post~~ Legible signs indicating in plain letters, the depth of water, the location of pools or eddies, and the presence and direction of currents of water shall be posted at any lake, stream or river used by a camp for camper swimming.

(2) These signs shall be visible from the ~~natural~~ swimming or bathing area during the season when bathing and swimming are permitted.

~~(d)~~(e) Lifeguard services ~~as described~~ defined in Section ~~24100.1~~ 116028, Health and Safety Code, shall be provided ~~where either pools or natural bathing places are used~~ at any location used for swimming by campers.

(1) There shall be a designated aquatic supervisor who is at least eighteen (18) years of age. and who shall possess an American Red Cross ~~Advanced Lifesaving~~ Lifeguard Certificate or its equivalent certificate.

(2) Lifeguard service shall be provided at a ratio of ~~one~~ (1) lifeguard for each ~~twenty five~~ (25) ~~persons~~ campers in the water.

Note: Authority Cited: Sections ~~208~~ 100275 and 18897.2, Health and Safety Code.

Reference: Section 18897.2, Health and Safety Code.

30750. Health Supervision.

(a) Every camper and each staff member entering camp shall furnish a health history ~~and a statement of immunization and overall health status~~ of his or her health status that is completed and signed by the individual camper or staff member, or by the parent or guardian if the camper or staff member is under the age of 18. This record shall be kept on-site as long as the camper or staff member is at camp and shall include the following:

(1) A description of any health condition requiring medication, treatment,

special restriction or consideration while at camp,

(2) A record of immunizations including date of the last tetanus shot,

(3) A record of any allergies.

(b) A signed statement by a parent or guardian to seek emergency medical treatment shall be provided for each staff member or camper, except those minors accompanied in camp by a parent or guardian. The local ~~enforcing agency~~ health officer, when necessary for the protection of the health of campers and staff members, may require special inoculations and testing for each camper and staff member entering camp. ~~(tetanus, polio, etc.). This provision shall not apply to adult campers or those coming as family groups~~

~~(b)~~ (c) There shall be a full-time adult Health Supervisor charged with health supervision at the camp when campers are present ~~who is either a licensed medical doctor, a registered nurse, a licensed vocational nurse, or a person who has a certificate of training in the principles of first aid (Red Cross or equivalent).~~

(d) Health history screening is shall be conducted by the Health Supervisor for all staff prior to the arrival of campers and for all campers under the age of 18 unaccompanied by a parent or guardian within 24 hours of arrival at camp.

~~(e)~~ If a physician is not on ~~the grounds site~~, when campers are present, arrangements shall be made for a physician to be available on an on-call basis. An infirmary (tentage or other shelter), with provision for isolating patients, shall be provided. Advance arrangements shall be made for the immediate removal of seriously sick or injured campers or staff members to a point of adequate medical care, on recommendation of a physician. This subsection shall not apply to intermittent short-term organized camps except when required by the local ~~enforcing agency~~ health officer for the protection of the health of campers and adult supervisors.

~~(d)~~ (f) A medical logbook shall be maintained by the Health Supervisor which includes at least the following information for each accident, injury or illness:

(1) Name of the Ppersons treated;

(2) Dosage and intervals of any medication dispensed;

(3) First aid or medical treatment rendered;

(4) Name of the person administering the first aid or medical treatment and;

(5) Date and time of treatment and;

(6) Date parent/guardian notified of accident, illness or injury.

~~The medical log shall be in a bound book with sequentially numbered lined pages. A separate entry shall be made for each accident, injury or illness.~~

~~(e)~~ (g) ~~Every person in charge of an organized camp must~~ The Health Supervisor or the site operator shall promptly report all occurrences of foodborne illness and medically diagnosed infectious, contagious or communicable diseases, or any other reportable disease as required by California Code of Regulations Title 17, Section 2500 promptly to the local enforcing agency health officer.

~~(f)~~ (h) All camper medication brought to ~~organized a camps by minor-campers or adults~~ that is to be dispensed by ~~organized camp personnel~~ the Health Supervisor shall be:

(1) In the original container and labeled in accordance with California Health and Safety Code, Division ~~24~~ 104, Part 5, Chapter 6, Article 3, commencing with section 11330 or

(2) In containers accompanied by specific written dispensing instruction ~~by~~ from a parent, legal guardian or ~~licensed medical doctor~~ physician or surgeon licensed pursuant to Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code, and

~~(g) (3) All medications shall be~~ Stored in a locked container when unattended by a ~~staff member~~ the Health Supervisor.

(i) A written health care plan developed and maintained by the Health Supervisor shall be used at the camp. The health plan shall include:

(1) The responsibilities and authority of the Health Supervisor and all other staff providing health care including first aid,

(2) The procedures for camp health care and sanitation,

(3) A record keeping process,

(4) A plan for provision and maintenance of supplies and equipment, and

(5) The relationships and agreements with local medical personnel, hospitals, and providers of emergency care and other emergency care providers.

Note: Authority Cited: Sections ~~208~~ 100275 and 18897.2, Health and Safety Code.

Reference: Section 18897.2, Health and Safety Code.

30751. General and Safety Supervision.

(a) When campers are present ~~Every camp, at all times of operation,~~ shall have a ~~person~~ Director at the camp in charge who is at least ~~twenty-five (25)~~ 23-years of age and has at least two seasons of administrative or supervisory experience in camp activities. ~~In addition, there shall be a competent staff, adequate for maintenance and operation of the camp facilities. There shall be a competent~~ The Director shall provide staff adequate for the care, protection, and supervision of the campers. The Director shall not assign a counselor to direct contact with campers without first obtaining a criminal history record check from the California Department of Justice, Bureau of Criminal Identification, or using a suitable criminal background screening method prescribed by Standard HR-4, Appendix P-Criminal Background Checks and Voluntary Disclosure Statements of the Accreditation Standards for Camp Programs and Services, American Camping Association.

(b) When campers are present ~~There shall be at all times when~~ at least one counselor who is a high school graduate or who is at least ~~eighteen (18)~~ years of age, for each ten ~~(10)~~ campers under ~~sixteen (16)~~ years of age.

(c) Counselors shall ~~possess demonstrated competence to supervise safety of camp activities. All counselors shall~~ have been trained by the Health Supervisor in the principles of ~~F~~first Aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

~~(d) The organized camp site owner shall provide or ensure by contract that medical, emergency transportation facilities, lifeguard, supervisory and food service staff required by this subchapter is available when the site is in operation as an organized camp by a group or persons other than those controlled by the site owner.~~

(d) Subsection (b) and (c) shall not apply to intermittent organized short-term camps.

Note: Authority Cited: Sections 208 100275 and 18897.2, Health and Safety Code.

Reference: Section 18897.2 Health and Safety Code.

30752. Transportation Firearms.

~~(a) All camps shall provide transportation for use in emergency situations.~~

~~(b) When emergency transportation does not include an on-site vehicle in good running condition, a specific plan for emergency transportation shall be maintained at the camp.~~

All firearms and ammunition in camp, when not in use for authorized camp activities, shall be stored in a cabinet designated for this use and locked. The key shall be in the possession of the Director.

Note: Authority Cited: Sections 208 100275 and 18897.2, Health and Safety Code.

Reference: Section 18897.2, Health and Safety Code.

30753. Emergency ~~Procedures~~ Plan.

(a) Each ~~organized~~ camp shall retain on site ~~a separate~~ written site specific plans, approved by the Director, outlining procedures which deal with the following emergency situations:

- (1) Natural disasters ~~and other emergencies~~.
- (2) Lost campers ~~and lost swimmer~~.
- (3) Fires.
- (4) Transportation emergencies.
- (5) Severe illnesses and injuries.
- (6) Strangers in camp.
- (7) Aquatic emergencies as appropriate for the site.
- (8) Other emergency situations as appropriate for the site.

(b) ~~Plans shall contain at least evacuation procedures, procedures for communication with emergency medical facilities and the nearest fire station, and procedures for the control of vehicular traffic through the camp.~~ The site specific plan shall include procedures for:

- (1) Evacuation of the camp site.
- (2) Control of vehicular traffic through the camp, and
- (3) Communication from persons at the site of an emergency to the emergency medical facilities, the nearest fire station, and both administrative and health staff of the camp.

(c) Camp staff shall be trained in implementation of ~~the established emergency procedures.~~ The procedures set forth in the emergency plan.

Note: Authority Cited: Sections 208 100275 and 18897.2, Health and Safety Code

Reference: Section 18897.2, Health and Safety Code.